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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 5924

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, UR, CGEN

SUBJECT: ACCESS INCIDENTS AT EMBASSY

REFS: A. MOSCOW 2849, B. MOSCOW 5393

1. DURING PAST WEEK, TWO ADDITIONAL SOVIET CITIZENS (MARAT MARTIROSYAN AND HAGOP MANDOYAN) WERE REFUSED ENTRANCE TO EMBASSY BY MILITIA.. BOTH HAD WITH THEM TELEGRAMS OR LETTERS INVITING THEM TO COME TO CONSULAR SECTION TO DISCUSS MATTERS RELATING TO EMIGRATION. MILITIA TOLD THEM THAT THEY COULD NOT ENTER BECAUSE THEY DID NOT HAVE SOVIET FOREIGN PASSPORTS. IN BOTH CASES, THEY WERE LATER ADMITTED WHEN CONSOFF MET THEM IN FRONT OF EMBASSY, ALTHOUGH MARTIROSYAN WAS FIRST TAKEN TO GUARD SHACK FOR DOCUMENT CHECK.

2. CONSULAR COUNSELOR AND CONSOFF DISCUSSED MATTER WITH CHIEF OF MILITIA DETACHMENT APRIL 26 AND WERE ASSURED THAT SOVIET CITIZENS HAVING INVITATIONS FROM EMBASSY WOULD BE PERMITTED TO ENTER. DESPITE ASSURANCES, MARTIROSYAN WAS AGAIN REFUSED ENTRANCE FOLLOWING DAY. CONSOFF RAISED ISSUE AND LEFT NON-PAPERS ON BOTH ACCESS PROBLEMS APRIL 28 WITH MFA CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS (COPIES BEING POUCHEO EUR/SOV). CONSOFF STRESSED THAT THIS TYPE OF

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EMBASSY INVITATION HAS HERETOFORE BEEN USED WITHOUT DIFFICULTY FOR CONSULAR BUSINESS AND REQUESTED MFA OFFICIALS LOOK INTO MATTER. THEY PROFESSED UNFAMILIARITY WITH ISSUE BUT AGREED TO CHECK.

3. COMMENT: WE DOUBT THAT THESE INCIDENTS WERE ACCIDENTAL, BUT THINK IT TOO SOON TO JUDGE WHETHER THEY

WERE ISOLATED OR AN INTENSIFICATION OF PATTERN OF  
RESTRICTING ACCESS TO EMBASSY. WE WISH TO NOTE, HOWEVER,  
THAT RECENT REFUSALS BEGAN WITH HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST  
WHO WANTED TO DELIVER CSCE MATERIALS (REFTEL A), PROCEEDED  
TO SOVIET ARTIST SEEKING TO ATTEND ROUTINE SOCIAL FUNCTION  
(REFTEL B) AND NOW INCLUDE SOVIET CITIZENS COMING AT EMBASSY  
INVITATION ON ROUTINE CONSULAR BUSINESS. THUS, INCIDENTS  
NOW BEGIN TO INFRINGE ON ABILITY OF EMBASSY TO CARRY OUT  
ACCEPTABLE LEVEL OF CONSULAR ACTIVITY AND WILL  
IN OUR VIEW REQUIRE STRONG PROTEST IF CONTINUED.  
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